

**Dixon Services Sunday**

Funeral services for Mrs. Sue Baker Dixon, 62, of 201 N. Sims St., wife of Delbert Dixon, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. from Central United Methodist Church of which she was a member. Her pastor, Rev. Robert Boggan, officiated, assisted by Rev. Frank Jeffers of Gastonia and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Mrs. Dixon succumbed Thursday at 1:30 p. m. in North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston Salem undergoing heart surgery.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of Mrs. Willie Fisher Baker Howie of Gastonia and the late Thurman Baker. She was active in the Central Methodist Choir and United Methodist Women and was employed in the credit department of Belk at East Ridge Mall in Gastonia.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and mother, are three sons, Daniel Dixon of Irving, Texas, David Dixon and Gregory Dixon, both of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Mrs. Teresa Williams of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Jack Baker of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Max Baker of Dallas, Texas and Gary Baker of Columbia, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. Camilla Withers of Gastonia; and two grandchildren. The family has designated memorials to Central United Methodist Church. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Roberts Services Are Held**

Funeral services for James Calvin (Soup) Roberts, 71, were conducted Monday at 4 p. m. from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Rev. Clyde Bearden, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Rev. Robert Boggan, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, officiated at the rites.

Mr. Roberts died Saturday night in Gaston Memorial Hospital after several weeks illness.

Born in Gaston County, son of the late James Albert and Mamie Louise Bumgardner Roberts, he was employed as a salesman by Mountain View Farms.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anne Butler Roberts; one daughter, Mrs. Clinton Jolly of Kings Mountain; two grandchildren, Cindy Jolly and Jimmy Jolly; and two sisters, Miss Ethel Roberts and Mrs. Nina Wolfe, both of New Orleans, La.

**Silverware Tempting To Thieves**

"Silverware" thieves hit three residences in the area last week, carting away more than \$7,500 worth of merchandise, according to Kings Mountain Police Department reports.

Record Clerk Pam Wilson reported that the residence of Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Hord at 200 Cleveland Ave. was entered Wednesday morning by thieves who took an estimated \$2,500 worth of silverware. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Warren (Bob) Goforth was also robbed of an estimated \$2,000 to \$2,500 worth of silverware and the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Plonk, Jr. at 118 N. Piedmont Ave. was robbed of silverware valued at \$3,000.

City police are also continuing their investigation of the break-in and larceny of a grandfather clock and radio-tape player, valued at \$650, from the residence of Mrs. Hoyle D. McDaniel, 615 E. Ridge St., sometime Wednesday.



**GROVER MEN IN PLAY CAST** - Five Grover men will present a spoof of women playing bridge as one of three one-act plays to be presented by Grover Woman's Club and KM Little Theatre opening Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p. m. at Park Grace Auditorium. From left, Steve Marlowe, Jim Scruggs, Olin Whitener, Jim Anderson and Joe Rountree.

Photo By Lib Stewart

**One-Act Plays Set**

Kings Mountain Little Theatre and Grover Woman's Clubbers are combining their talents for presentation of three one-act plays.

The curtain goes up Friday night at 8 p. m. at Park Grace Auditorium with performances also on Saturday night at 8 p. m. at Park Grace and on May 5th at 8 p. m. at Grover School Auditorium. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Nan Jean Grant, veteran Little Theatre actress and director, is directing the productions.

The setting of the play, "Tea and Topics," is a typical Woman's Club room. It is the Cleveland County United Tea and Topics annual meeting and dignitaries of both state and county are present.

**Mrs. Hunt To Visit North School**

The wife of Gov. Jim Hunt will be in Kings Mountain today doing volunteer work at North Elementary School.

Mrs. Carolyn Hunt is expected at the school around noon.

Both Mrs. Hunt and the Governor do volunteer work in schools in Raleigh and the First Lady is making this tour of Tar Heels schools doing volunteer work as an effort to interest more people from the community to sign up to help in their local schools.

**Talent Show Is Thursday**

Thursday night the best of the talented students from Kings Mountain Junior and Senior High Schools will compete in the KM Kiwanis Club Talent Show.

The 21st annual event will begin at 7:30 p. m. at Barnes Auditorium. Tickets are 50 cents for youngsters up to 12-years of age. Adults are \$1. All proceeds go into Kiwanis Club community projects.

A dignified guest speaker is invited to speak but due to club business, introductions and general niceties, the poor man never utters a word.

The cast includes Betsy Wells, Judy White, Cynthia Glidden, Jim Champion, Boots Cockrell, Jackie Rountree, Martha Scruggs, Ruth Ann Whitener, June (Punkin) Morgan, Norma Cissell and other club members.

The 35-40 minute comedy was updated and locations localized by Martha Scruggs, Nan Jean Grant and Martha Byers.

"If Men Played Cards as Women Do," a 15-minute comedy, is a spoof of a woman playing bridge but can't play because they are too busy gossiping. The all-masculine cast includes five Grover men, Joe

Rountree, Jim Scruggs, Jim Anderson, Steve Marlowe and Rev. Olin Whitener.

Nan Jean Grant, Pat Anderson, and each member of the play cast have added their thoughts and ideas to the script.

The third production of the enthusiastic group of actors-actresses is the hilarious, "Lemonade," a 30-35 minute comedy which features dialog by two characters, Joe Ann (Boots) McDaniel and Nan Jean Grant, both LT veterans of the stage. The two ladies, residents of a small town, are out on the highway on Memorial Day selling lemonade, spiked with gin and vodka. Each continues to sample her product and the conversations continue until they become too inebriated to talk.

**Church Of God Calls Rev. Douglas**

The Rev. Harold F. Douglas has accepted the appointment to the Kings Mtn. Church of God at Gaston and E. Parker St. as of April 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas came to Kings Mountain from Mt. Holly. Both of the Douglases are natives of Charleston, South Carolina. They have two sons living in Charlotte, one daughter in Cary and two daughters in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Pastor Douglas has served his denomination as Business Manager of the church's main college, Lee College, in Cleveland, Tennessee. He has served as State Director of Youth and Christian Education; Overseer of the Churches of God in Western Canada; President of International Bible College and High School Academy in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada; member of the denomination's Radio and Television Board; state council member of several states.

Mr. Douglas has preached in camp meetings in Maryland, Kansas, Louisiana, Alabama and Prayer Conferences in North Carolina and Michigan. He has lectured in Youth Congresses and Minister's Retreats in several

states. His service to his church includes 28 years as district superintendent.

Mrs. Douglas is a music director and plays the Vibraharp in the local church.

The Douglases are living in the church parsonage at 111 E. Parker Street.

**Distributive Ed Classes Begin May 1**

Distributive Education Classes begin Mon., May 1, at Kings Mountain Senior High School.

The classes will be conducted from 3:10 until 5:10 p. m. and students who dropped out of high school and under age 18 are encouraged to enroll.

A student must be 16 years of age before Dec. to enroll in the class.

Each student is asked to bring a notebook with him to class.

**Nicholson Supports New Group**

**Rescue Squad Meeting Set**

A public meeting is being called for Wed., Apr. 26 at 7:30 p. m. at the Kings Mountain Community Center for further discussions on the organization of a second rescue squad for the community.

Corbet Nicholson, one of the founders and charger members of the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, told The Mirror-Herald Monday that he "is backing the organization of Kings Mountain Emergency Services a hundred percent."

Nicholson, who said he served as an active member of KM Rescue Squad for 12 years and as a financial supporter for almost all of the 20 years the squad has been in existence.

"But that's over," Nicholson said. "I just don't think it's right charging the people for ambulance service when there would never have been a rescue squad here in the first place if it hadn't been for the donation from the people."

Nicholson said he has a couple of reasons for swinging his support to the second organization. First, he said he is dissatisfied with the present operating system. "I have nothing personal against the men now working at the rescue squad. I am against the system of operation," he said.

The second reason is of a personal nature. Nicholson was recently hospitalized suffering with a heart attack. He said two days after he was taken to the hospital his wife received a bill for transport service for \$37.50. Nicholson had already instructed his wife to make a \$50 donation to the rescue squad before the bill arrived. Two or three weeks later, Nicholson said, "I got a letter from the County Emergency Services threatening to garnishee my wages for the \$37.50. I also got a visit from a deputy, but I was not in my office at the time. This made me mad. If the county can't wait until my insurance pays off before they start making threats, then there is something wrong."

Nicholson said, "It's not only me,

but a lot of people in town who are upset over the ambulance charges and threats of garnishee of wages."

"We were told by the county originally that it wasn't going to be this way," he added.

To backup his decision to support the second rescue squad, Nicholson has made financial arrangements to help pay for a \$17,000 state-approved ambulance. The order has been submitted to the firm in LaGrange, Ga. and delivery of the vehicle is expected in 30-45 days.

"And at least two of the county commissioners have assured me that when the ambulance arrives that Kings Mountain Emergency Services can get a county franchise to operate," Nicholson said.

He said the new organization will operate as did the original KM Rescue Squad - strictly on donations. He said there will be no fees charged to the public for service.

"I also feel that if the county wants to operate an ambulance service in Kings Mountain that it should find other quarters," Nicholson said. "The rescue building on Parker Street was bought and paid for by the public and the building belongs to the public. Not the county and not to the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad."

Nicholson said he is also having an attorney, Mickey Corry, check into the funds in a special ambulance account at a local bank. The funds, reported to be over \$11,000, were raised, according to Nicholson, before July 1, 1977 when the state turned responsibility for ambulance service over to the county government.

"That money was raised through public solicitation to purchase a new ambulance," Nicholson said.

Nicholson said he urges all interested citizens to attend the public meeting Wednesday night at the community center. He said the county commissioners have been invited to attend also.

**Commissioners To Study Plan**

The Cleveland County Planning Board will recommend to county commissioners a plan for aiding rescue squads on a per trip basis with a set minimum amount each month.

The plan was worked up by a study committee and presented to the full board last week. Ralph Dixon, Clifford Hamrick and Larry Hamrick served on the committee. Their recommendation spells out that each squad receive each month a \$250 base rate; \$10 per trip for the first 50 trips; \$5 per trip for all over 50 trips; 10 cents per mile for ambulance trips; and a \$1,500 per month ceiling on funds.

The plan, if approved by the county commissioners, would more evenly distribute county funding to the five rescue units operating presently. Both Shelby and Kings Mountain units receive \$1,200 monthly for

expenses.

Upper Cleveland Rescue recently asked for an increase to \$1,200 monthly. Grover and Bolling Springs asked for \$550 monthly. Of the five, only Shelby and Kings Mountain have fulltime paid men handling the day shift with volunteers working nights and weekends.

The paid personnel are salaried out of a \$59,000 appropriation set aside by the county commissioners.

Under the plan Shelby and Kings Mountain will continue charging for transport trips.

Larry Hamrick of Kings Mountain, a planning board member, said, "The plan, if adopted by the county commissioners, would be used for six months, then re-evaluated and adjusted. This is not a long term solution, however, so we will have to watch the program carefully."

**Small City Grant Meeting Slated Today**

Citizens are urged to attend the second public hearing on Small Cities grants programs scheduled for 1 p. m. today at the Kings Mountain Depot Center.

City officials are going after a three-year comprehensive grant totalling about \$3-million. The grant would, if approved, be used to revitalize a community within the city.

At present the oldest section of the

city, where Burlington Industries Phenix Plant is located, has needs for the types of improvement covered under the grant, according to city officials.

A pre-application must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 15. The final application is due Aug. 30, 1978 and funding is expected to begin by mid-October.